

WORSHIP



Sunday, January 12, 2025

*"I call on you, my God, for you will answer me;
turn your ear to me and hear my prayer." Psalm 17:6*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Mary Hurt

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 46:1-11

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

People: Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Leader: Come and see what the LORD has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

All: He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

** Please stand as you are able.*

***Hymn of Praise**

All Creatures of Our God and King

1. All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Oh praise Him, Alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
Oh praise Him, Alleluia
Praise praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit Three-in-One
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. All the redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
Oh praise Him, Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
Oh praise Him, Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee
All creatures of our God and King
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Confession of Sin Unison

Almighty and most merciful father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward suffering, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Take a moment to silently confess your sins, knowing that God hears you.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Colossians 1:13-14

For the Father has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Leader: Hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

GIVING OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

In addition to giving through the passed offering plates, you are welcome to give online at our website, or scan the QR code on the back cover. Our tithes and offerings are a continued act of worship and a physical act of trusting our lives to Jesus as we join God in his work in our community and around the world.

Prayer of Dedication for Our Tithes & Offerings

Music of Reflection

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Children are excused to their ELMO Kids classrooms downstairs in the Creative Studios.

Prayers for the Church and the World

Barney Melekian

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Preparation My Lord, My Rock and Redeemer**

(Song notation and lyrics on following page)

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, the greatest
 O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, the strongest

D G A D an A/C# dee er Bm
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treas-ure of my long-ing soul, my God, like You there is no other. True de-
 fend-er of my weak-ry heart, my sword to fight the cruel de-ceiver and my

G A D G Bm A
 light is found in You alone. Your grace, a well too deep to fathom, Your
 shield against his hateful darts, my song when enemies surround me, my

G Bm A D A/C#
 love exceeds the heavens' reach; Your truth, a fount of perfect
 hope when tides of sorrow rise, my joy when trials rear

Bm A G D A D A/C# G G
 wis-dom, my high-est good, and my un-end-ing need. O O
 bound-ing, Your faith-ful-ness, my re-fuge in the night.

VERSE 3

Bm A Em Bm G
 Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, gracious Savior of my ruined

Em Bm A/C# Em G A
 life, my guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders, in my place You suffered, bled, and

D G Bm A G Bm
 died. You rose, the grave and death are conquered. You broke my bonds of sin and

A D A/C# Bm A G D A D
 shame. O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, may all my days bring glory to Your Name.

GOING IN GOD’S NAME

*Hymn of Response

Before the Throne of God Above

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| <p>1. Before the throne of God above
 I have a strong and perfect plea
 A great High Priest whose name is Love
 Who ever lives and pleads for me
 My name is graven on His hands
 My name is written on His heart
 I know that while in heaven He stands
 No tongue can bid me thence depart
 No tongue can bid me thence depart</p> | <p>3. Behold Him there the risen Lamb
 My perfect spotless Righteousness
 The great unchangeable I AM
 The King of glory and of grace
 One with Himself I cannot die
 My soul is purchased by His blood
 My life is hid with Christ on high
 With Christ my Saviour and my God
 With Christ my Saviour and my God</p> |
| <p>2. When Satan tempts me to despair
 And tells me of the guilt within
 Upward I look and see Him there
 Who made an end of all my sin
 Because the sinless Saviour died
 My sinful soul is counted free
 For God the Just is satisfied
 To look on Him and pardon me
 To look on Him and pardon me</p> | |

*Benediction

Postlude

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Blanche Heitkamp by her family.

Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian Church



Welcome Visitors! We are glad you are worshipping with us today.

Please fill out a visitor card or email us at admin@elmopres.org so we may get to know you better and send you our weekly newsletter. You may also connect with us on our website at: elmopres.org, find us on Instagram @[elmopres](https://www.instagram.com/elmopres), or subscribe to our YouTube channel: El Montecito Presbyterian Church.

ELMO Pres Kids, Youth & College

Nursery (ages 0-2.5) & **Preschool** (ages 2.5-5) 9:50 a.m. until end of worship in the Pre-K classrooms.

ELMO Pres Kids (K-7th) are dismissed after the Doxology to the Creative Studios. Please pick up your child after worship.

ELMO Pres Youth Group (6th-12th): Join us in the Creative Studios on the 1st & 3rd Friday nights of the month from 6-8 p.m. for dinner, games, fun and a deep dive into the Gospel of Luke. Next youth group is January 17!

College: Rides from Westmont (depart at 9:40 a.m. at Clark Dorm). Campus Bible Study: Westmont Prayer Chapel, Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Contact tomhaugen@elmopres.org

To sign up for the ELMO Pres Family Newsletter, email LauriHaugen@elmopres.org

Caring

Please take time to pray for the needs of the Church, local community, state, country and world. Email prayer requests to prayers@elmopres.org. In addition, please pray for:

- Safety for those serving in the armed forces, including Lt. Morgan Hale, U.S. Navy; Lt. Miles Hale, U.S. Army; Lt. Col. James Wentzel, U.S. Air Force, Cpl. Jack Burrows U.S. Army, AE3 Alex Barr, U.S. Navy.
- For our covenant partners dealing with ongoing health issues and recovery from surgeries: Cynde Lundgren, Darlene James and Curt & Erlyne Whiteman.
- Bereavement for the friends and family of Dan Van Elderen, brother of Darlene James.
- Bereavement for friends and family of: David Grey, husband of Phyllis Grey & Blanche Heitkamp.
- Tristan Baker, great-grandson of Bruce Stockin, undergoing treatment for leukemia.

Triple R Capital Campaign Update

As of January 7, we've raised \$1,651,114 toward our Triple R goals totaling \$1.7 M: repair the roof, renovate the manse & retire the debt! Please continue to join us in praying for God to provide for the flourishing future of El Montecito Presbyterian Church!

Acts 1:8 Connection: Outreach Ministries

El Montecito Presbyterian Church supports numerous ministries and organizations near and far, including Santa Barbara Rescue Mission. SBRM provides free year-long residential treatment programs for adults seeking to recover from addictions. SBRM's services have grown to include locating permanent housing for formerly homeless clients.

- Pray for the expanding Transitional Shelter Program; for sufficient case-managers and the financial means for the longer term support services
- Pray that God will guide, unite, and bless case managers whose services are a big blessing in shelter guests' lives.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance for program staff, especially when helping difficult program residents and homeless guests.

Connecting & Serving

Sunday Adult Discipleship Survey of the Old Testament, ages 13+ welcome. Library at 9 a.m. Book fee \$20.

Sunday Adult Discipleship Prayer Workshop: *"Our true aim must not be to work a great deal and pray just enough to keep the work right. We should pray a great deal and then work enough for the power and blessing obtained in prayer to find its way through us to others."* That was the assessment of Andrew Murray, a man who got a lot done in his life. In that same spirit, Ben Patterson will be leading a prayer workshop – equal parts instruction and practice – beginning Sunday, Jan. 19 - Sunday Feb. 23. from 11:30-12:30.

Prayer Time, Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

Women in the Word, Mondays at 9:30 a.m. studying Acts.

Women's Bible Study, Thursdays at 7:45 - 9 a.m. at IHOP at 1701 State St. Join the study on "Disciplines of a Godly Woman."

Men's Bible Study, Thursdays at 9 - 10 a.m. in the Library. Bring your Bible to participate in a study of Revelation. Coffee is provided.

Prayer Shawl Ministry, Third Thursday of the month, 1:30-3:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Transition House Team, contact Barb Kennedy if interested in serving once a month.

Connect with our Ministry Partners: Our ministry partners enjoy receiving encouraging notes. Reach them this way: Greg & Chris Callison: gregandchris@callison.net; James & Renata Bultema: jamesbultema@spccturkey.com, renatabultema@spccturkey.com; Dana & Karen Ostby: danaostby@gmail.com, karina@lite.email; Ryan & Brittany Warner: rwarner@fca.org, bwarner@fca.org; United World Mission, Mexico, Mayu Guillen Villanueva: mayuguivi@gmail.com; Manuel & Laura Vivanco: laura.vivanco@uwm.org; Rancho Sordo Mundo, Ed Everett: ranchsordomudo@hotmail.com, Luke Everett: sanlucasrm@gmail.com.

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